

## Notable Publications Using Census Bureau RDC Microdata

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John R. Logan et al. "Immigrant Enclaves and Ethnic Communities in New York and Los Angeles." *Amer Sociological Rev* April 2002

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Charles Tolbert et al. "Civic Community in Small-Town America: How Civic Welfare is Influenced by Local Capitalism and Civic Engagement." *Rural Sociology* March 2002.

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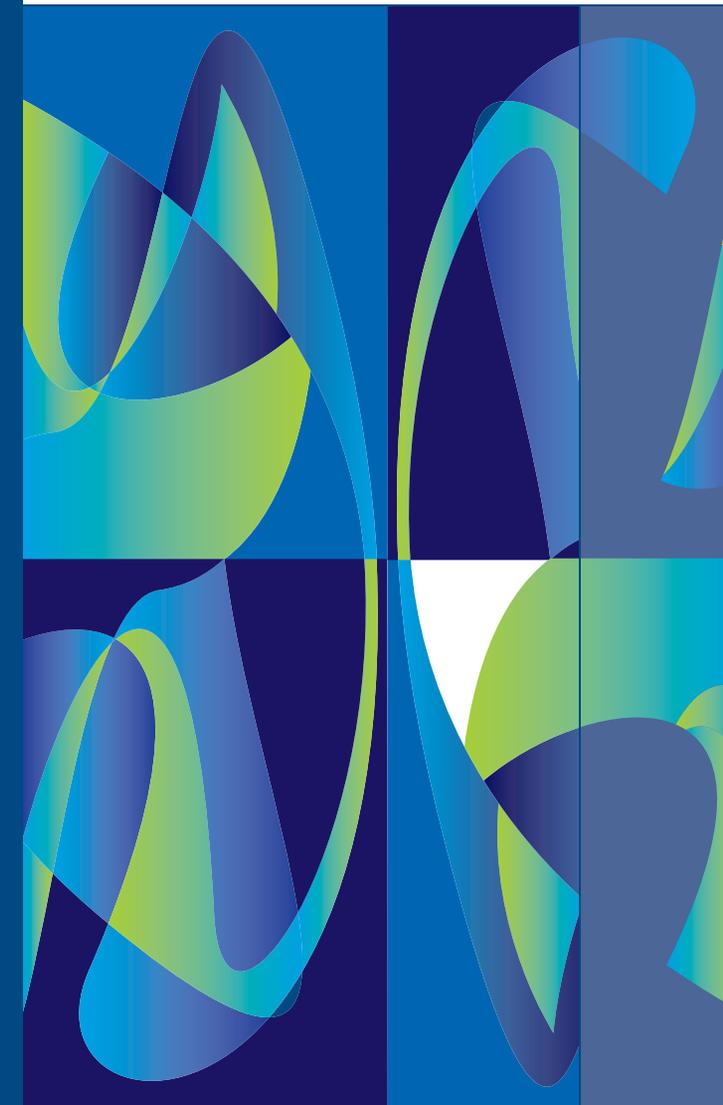
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Ronald Coase, Nobel Prize Winner in Economics

## Datasets Currently Available

- Most economic censuses and surveys
- Selected demographic surveys and decennial censuses
- Special files created for research purposes:
  - Longitudinal Research Database
  - Longitudinal Business Database
  - Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics Database
  - Other linked files

Bring additional microdata into an RDC and create your own linked files, or simply reimburse the Census Bureau when it creates new special purpose files. In turn, these linked and special purpose files will be made available to all users.

## Proposals Must Meet Five Standards

- ① Benefit to Census Bureau programs
- ② Scientific merit
- ③ Clear need for nonpublic data
- ④ Must be feasible
- ⑤ No risk of disclosure

If all standards are met, a proposal must also pass a review by the Census Bureau's Office of Analysis and Executive Support. If approved by the Census Bureau, the proposal may also require approval by the federal agency sponsoring the survey or supplying the administrative data.

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- The impact of trade
- Venture capital financing
- Rural entrepreneurs
- Migration in the arctic
- Welfare reform and migration
- Temporary help agencies

## Work Environment

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Each researcher must undergo a background check to become a Special Sworn Status employee of the Census Bureau. Researchers are not permitted to remove anything at all from the RDC unless it passes a disclosure avoidance review.